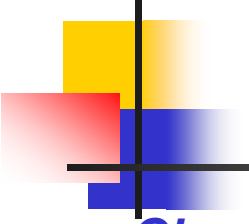


Dismounted Fatalities (OIF/OEF)

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- **Observation.** Review of accident data shows over 13 fatalities between start of FY05 to 3 Nov 05 which have resulted when warfighters dismount adjacent to traffic and then are struck by another vehicle.
 - **Discussion.** Military units deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan often must dismount from vehicles to conduct operations including: maintenance, vehicle checks, refuel, dismounted security, mission coordination, and other reasons. Many dismounted warfighters are being struck by other military or civilian vehicles.
 - **Lesson learned.** Warfighters conducting operations in foreign countries are exposed to road hazards plus the lack of traffic safety programs of host countries. The mission focus by the warfighter sometimes leads to the lack of situational awareness of the hazards of his immediate surroundings.
 - **Recommendation.**
 - Leaders ensure warfighters pull as far away from the road as possible when making unplanned stops and performing dismounted operations.
 - Leaders ensure warfighters are briefed on the dangers of being dismounted while in close proximity to traffic. These dangers are elevated during the hours of darkness.
 - Leaders remind drivers to use caution when dismounted troops or pedestrians are present.